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demic strain H7N1, a vaccination process is envisaged comprising the preparation of a heterologous vaccine that is administered to an
animal population, said vaccine featuring the same subtype of viral haemoagglutinin HA7 and a different subtype of neuroaminidase
NA3, and thereafter detecting the viral infection positiveness by contacting an antigen with at least one genomic sequence that codes
for a neuroaminidase NA1 protein with the biological fluids collected from the animals. By subsequently revealing an antigen-anti-
body reaction by means of a test for detecting positiveness (iFA, ELISA among others), the vaccinated animals can be discriminated
from the other ones. The recombinant antigen is represented by the recombinant glycoprotein neuroaminidase NA1, the genomic
sequence of which is carried by a baculovirus and expressed in insect cell.